VOLUME 5 AIRMAN CERTIFICATION

CHAPTER 2 TITLE 14 CFR PART 61 CERTIFICATION OF PILOTS AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

Section 13 Issue a Gold Seal Flight Instructor Certificate

5-566 PROGRAM TRACKING AND REPORTING SUBSYSTEM (PTRS) ACTIVITY CODE. 1528 (as appropriate, for renewal, reinstatement, or added rating, or upon application).

5-567 OBJECTIVE. This task determines if an applicant is eligible for a gold seal flight instructor certificate. Successful completion of this task results in the issuance of a temporary airman certificate for a gold seal flight instructor or the denial of a gold seal flight instructor certificate.

5-568 GENERAL.

- A. Purpose of Gold Seal Flight Instructor Certificate. Flight instructor certificates with distinctive gold seals are issued to instructors who currently meet certain qualifications. These certificates are intended to identify those instructors who have high personal qualifications and good records as active flight instructors. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) hopes to issue as many gold seal certificates as possible to provide an incentive for flight instructors to improve their qualifications.
- **B.** Renewal and Eligibility. The holder of a gold seal flight instructor certificate who applies for renewal does not need to reestablish his/her eligibility for a gold seal.
- **C. Issuance.** If the applicant meets the criteria stated in subparagraph 5-571E3), the aviation safety inspector (ASI) may add a gold seal to the instructor's certificate upon renewal or reinstatement, when adding an additional rating, or upon initial application.

5-569 PREREQUISITES AND COORDINATION REQUIREMENTS.

A. Prerequisites:

- Knowledge of the requirements of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61 and FAA policies.
- Qualification as an ASI (Operations) or aviation safety technician (AST).
- **B.** Coordination. This task requires coordination with the:
 - Airworthiness unit;
 - Airmen records section of the Airmen Certification Branch (AFS-760);
 - Enforcement Information System (EIS); and
 - Accident Incident Data System (AIDS).

5-570 REFERENCES, FORMS, AND JOB AIDS.

A. References (current editions):

- Title 14 CFR parts 1, 61, and 91.
- PTRS Field Office Manual.
- Advisory Circular (AC) 61-65, Certification: Pilots and Flight and Ground Instructors.

B. Forms:

- FAA Form 8060-4, Temporary Airman Certificate (Figure 5-61).
- FAA Form 8710-1, Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application (Figure 5-60).
- C. Job Aids. Job Task Analysis (JTA) O3.1.54.

5-571 PROCEDURES.

- **A. Schedule an Appointment.** An ASI or AST must inform the applicant to bring the following documents to the appointment:
 - Flight instructor certificate.
 - Ground instructor certificate.
 - Commercial pilot certificate with an instrument rating or an airline transport pilot (ATP) certificate.
 - Reliable record of flight instruction.

B. Applicant Arrives for the Appointment.

- 1) Collect the documents listed above.
- 2) Open the PTRS file.

C. Review FAA Form 8710-1.

- 1) In section I, Application Information, ensure that the applicant has checked the box for "Flight Instructor" and indicated "Initial," "Renewal," or "Amendment," as appropriate. The applicant should also have checked the box labeled "Other" and inserted the words "Gold Seal" in the space next to it.
- 2) Check the application for accuracy, using the instructions on the form attachment. The applicant is not to complete section II.
- 3) In section III, Record of Pilot Time, the applicant must list at least the aeronautical experience required for the airman certificate and rating sought. Graduates of 14 CFR part 141 pilot schools or 14 CFR part 142 training centers must provide their aeronautical experience in this section of FAA Form 8710-1 even though the graduation

certificate is evidence of having completed the course of training. If aeronautical experience has no bearing on the airman certification action being sought, then it is not necessary for an applicant to complete section III. For example, with flight instructor renewal applications, flight instructor reinstatement applications, ground instructor qualification applications, and pilot type rating applications, aeronautical experience does not have a bearing on the airman certification action, and thus the applicant would not be required to complete section III. However, all applicants are encouraged to complete section III because the application remains on file with the FAA and can be used to substantiate past aeronautical experience if a person were to ever lose his or her logbook.

- **D.** Verify the Applicant's Identity. Inspect acceptable forms of identification to verify the applicant's identity. (See Volume 5, Chapter 1, Section 3.) Compare the identification with the personal information provided on FAA Form 8710-1.
 - 1) If the ASI or AST can verify the applicant's identity, continue the issuing process.
- 2) If the ASI or AST cannot verify the applicant's identity because of a lack of or inadequate identification, explain what types of identification are acceptable. Advise the applicant to return with appropriate identification to reapply.
- 3) If the applicant's identity appears to be different from the information supplied on FAA Form 8710-1, or if it appears that an attempt at falsification has been made, do not issue FAA Form 8060-4. (See Volume 7, Chapter 6.)
- **E. Required Criteria.** Inspect the applicant's certificates and record of flight instruction to determine if the applicant meets the following criteria at the time of application:
- 1) Holds a flight instructor certificate and, at least, a commercial pilot certificate with an instrument rating or an ATP certificate with instrument privileges. Glider flight instructors need not hold an instrument rating;
- 2) Holds a ground instructor certificate with an advanced or instrument ground instructor rating; and
 - 3) Within the past 24 months has accomplished *one* of the following:
 - Trained and recommended at least 10 applicants for certificates or ratings, and at least 80 percent of these applicants must have passed the flight test on their first attempt;
 - Conducted at least 20 practical tests as a Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE) or 20 graduation tests as chief flight instructor for an approved pilot school course; or
 - A combination of the above 2 (2 practical tests equal 1 trained and recommended applicant).

F. Discrepancies. If a discrepancy that cannot be immediately corrected exists in any of the documents, return the application and all submitted documents to the applicant. Inform the applicant why he/she is ineligible and explain how the applicant may correct the discrepancies.

- **G. Applicant Meets Requirements.** If an applicant meets all of the requirements for a gold seal flight instructor certificate, the ASI or AST should issue FAA Form 8060-4 with the appropriate flight instructor ratings.
 - 1) Prepare the certificate in duplicate, as per Volume 5, Chapter 1, Section 5.
 - 2) Enter the words "Gold Seal" as shown in Figure 5-61.
- 3) Number the certificate with the same certificate number that appears on the applicant's superseded flight instructor certificate.
- **4)** Complete the ASI/AST certification section. Sign the reverse side of FAA Form 8710-1.
 - **5**) Forward the completed file to AFS-760.
- **H.** Complete the PTRS. Complete the PTRS in accordance with the PTRS Field Office Manual.
- **5-572 TASK OUTCOMES.** Completion of this task results in either the:
 - Issuance of a temporary airman certificate for a gold seal flight instructor, or
 - Denial of issuance of gold seal flight instructor certificate.

NOTE: If the ASI or AST denies the applicant a gold seal flight instructor certificate, record the action in the PTRS.

5-573 FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

- Renewal of flight instructor certificate.
- Reinstatement of flight instructor certificate.
- Added rating to flight instructor certificate.

Figure 5-60. FAA Form 8710-1, Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application—Gold Seal Certificate

TYPE OR PRINT ALL ENTRIES IN INK Form Approved OMB No: 2120-0021						
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application						
Application Information						
A. Name (Last, First, Middle)		B. SSN (US Only)	Month Day	Year T	D. Place of Birth Tucson, AZ	
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1508 Williams Lane		X usA ☐ othe		the English language	Yes No	
City, State, Zip Code Prescott, CA 95127		H. Helght I. Welght 65 in.	I	K. Eyes black bro	L Sex	
,		N. Grade Pilot Certificate	O. Certificate Number	orack or	P. Date Issued	
IN. DO YOU NOW HOLD, OF HAVE YOU EVER HELD AN PAIN CONTINUALEY Yes		commercial 05124435			08-05-1995	
Q. Do you hold a Yes Medical Certificate? No	X Yes R. Class of Certificate S. Date issued T. Name of Examiner No Class III 09-20-2005 Paul A. Sizemore, M.					
U. Have you ever been convicted for violation of any Federal or State statutes relating to narcotic drugs, marijuana, or depressant or stimulant drugs or substances? V. Date of Final Conviction Yes No						
II. Certificate or Rating Applied For or						
A Completion of Required Test 1. Alloraft to be used (if flight test required) 22. Total time in this aircraft / SIM / FTD 23. Total time in this aircraft / SIM / FTD 24. Total time in this aircraft / SIM / FTD 25. Pilot in command 26. Pilot in command						
B. Military 1. Service Competence		2. Date Rated		3. Rank or (Grade and Service Number	
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C: Graduate of Approved 1. Name and Location of Training Agency or Training Center					ation Number	
Course 2. Curriculum From Which Graduated 3. Date						
Holder of Foreign License	1. Country 2. Grade of License 3. Number					
Issued By 4. Ratings						
E. Completion of Air Carrier's Approved	Carrier	2. Date		3. Which Curriculum] D	
Training Program III RECORD OF PILOT TIME (Do not w	vrite in the shaded areas.)			Initial	Upgrade Transition	
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Airpianes	PIC SIC	PIC SIC	PIC SIC	PIC SIC		
Rotor- craft	PIC SIC	SIC	PIC SIC	SIC SIC		
Powered Lift	PIC SIC	PIC SIC	PIC SIC	PIC SIC		
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Lighter Than Air						
Simulator Training						
Device PCATD						
IV. Have you falled a feet for this certificate or rating?						
V. Applicants's Certification b certify that all statements and answers provided by me on this application form are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and I agree that they are to be considered as part of the basis for issuance of any FAA certificate to me. I have also read and understand the Privacy Act statement that accompanies this form.						
Gloria Ann Majors Gloria Ann Majors				03-3	0-2006	

NSN: 0052-00-682-5007

Figure 5-61. FAA Form 8060-4, Temporary Airman Certificate—Gold Seal Certificate

I. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA III. CERTIFICATE NO. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION 5124435CFI ii. TEMPORARY AIRMAN CERTIFICATE THIS CERTIFIES THAT IV. GLORIA ANN MAJORS 1508 WILLIAMS LANE v. PRESCOTT, CA 95127 DATE OF BIRTH HEIGHT WEIGHT HAIR EYES SEX NATIONALITY gloría Ann Majors 01-08-74 65 IN. 130 BLACK BROWN USA IX. has been found to be properly qualified and is hereby authorized in accordance with the conditions of issuance on the reverse of this certificate to exercise the privileges of FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR RATING AND LIMITATIONS AIRPLANE SINGLE ENGINE INSTRUMENT AIRPLANE VALID ONLY WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY PILOT CERTIFICATE NUMBER 005124435; EXPIRES 03-31-2008 THIS IS AN ORIGINAL ISSUANCE LA REISSUANCE OF THIS DATE OF SUPERSEDED AIRMAN CERTIFICATE GRADE OF CERTIFICATE AIRMAN'S SIGNATURE 03-13-2004 GOLD SEAL EXAMINER'S DESIGNATION NO. OR BY DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR INSPECTOR'S REG. NO. X. DATE OF ISSUANCE X. SIGNATURE OF EXAMINER OR INSPECTOR 001234567 DATE DESIGNATION EXPIRES ames E. Smith 03-30-2006 JAMES E. SMITH, WP03 ₹

RESERVED. Paragraphs 5-574 through 5-590.

